

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A snowboard binding according to claim [[1]] 13 wherein the intermediate element is attached by at least one screw to at least one of the base plate and to the side plates.
3. (Original) A snowboard binding according to claim 2 wherein at least one of the base plate and the side plates have at least one longitudinal hole through which at least one screw extends.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) A snowboard binding according to claim 4 wherein at least one of the base plate and the side plates have at least one longitudinal hole through which at least one screw extends.
6. (Original) A snowboard binding according to claim 5 further comprising at least one support element having a side wall and attached to the intermediate elements projecting into the at least one longitudinal hole and being supported by its side wall.

7. (Original) A snowboard binding according to claim 6 wherein the at least one screw extends through the at least one support element.

8. (Original) A snowboard binding according to claim 5 wherein a lower side of the base plate or the side plates facing away from the intermediate elements has an enlarged recess for receiving a threaded nut for the at least one screw.

9. (Currently amended) A snowboard binding according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 14 wherein the lower side of each of the intermediate elements facing the base plate has a toothed section and the base plate or the side plates have a corresponding counter toothed section.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A snowboard binding according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 13 wherein the base plate and the side plates are formed as one piece.

12. (Currently amended) A snowboard binding according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 13 further comprising an instep strap and at least one attachment element for attaching the instep strap to the intermediate elements.

13. (Original) A snowboard binding comprising:
a base plate,
side plates projecting from the base plate,
intermediate elements attached to at least one of the base plate and the side plates, the lower side of each of the

intermediate elements facing the base plate having a toothed section and the base plate or the side plates having a corresponding counter toothed section,

a heel support pivotally mounted on the intermediate elements, and

the intermediate elements being adjustable along a longitudinal direction of the snowboard binding.

14. (New) A snowboard binding comprising:

a base plate,

side plates projecting from the base plate,

intermediate elements attached to at least one of the base plate and the side plates,

a heel support pivotally mounted on the intermediate elements,

the intermediate elements being adjustable along a longitudinal direction of the snowboard binding,

front tooth region, and

a tensioning element mounted on the intermediate elements and guided around the outer side of the heel support, wherein attachment points for the tensioning element are arranged offset relative to a pivot support for the pivoting of the heel support relative to the longitudinal axis of the snowboard binding and forward in a direction toward the front foot region.

15. (New) A snowboard binding according to claim 14 wherein the intermediate element is attached by at least one screw to at least one of the base plate and to the side plates.

16. (New) A snowboard binding according to claim 15 wherein at least one of the base plate and the side plates have at least one longitudinal hole through which the at least one screw extends.

17. (New) A snowboard binding according to claim 16 further comprising at least one support element having a side wall and attached to the intermediate elements projecting into the at least one longitudinal hole and being supported by its side wall.

18. (New) A snowboard binding according to claim 17 wherein the at least one screw extends through the at least one support element.

19. (New) A snowboard binding according to claim 14 wherein the base plate and the side plates are formed as one piece.

20. (New) A snowboard binding according to claim 14 further comprising an instep strap and at least one attachment element for attaching the instep strap to the intermediate elements.